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FOR: METHODS OF CONFERRING PPO-INHIBITING HERBICIDE RESISTANCE TO

PLANTS BY GENE MANIPULATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks BOX PATENT APPLICATION Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Before line 1, insert -- This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. §371 of prior PCT International Application No. PCT/US96/20415 which has an International filing date of December 27, 1996 which designated the United States of America.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

CLAIM 10: Line 3, change "any one of claims 1 to 9" to --claim 1--

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